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## BONAPARTE

RECOMMENDS ABOLISHMENT OF  
THE DAWES COMMISSION.

President Favors It—Secretary Hitchcock Interposes His Objection.  
Plain Notice Served on Them.  
Must Quit Grafting.

The president has transmitted to congress a report of Charles J. Bonaparte and Clinton Rogers Woodruff in the matter of irregularities in Indian Territory. The president says: "I call special attention to the condition of affairs in Indian Territory as therein set forth. In accordance with the recommendation of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff, the members of the commission to the five civilized tribes have been informed that, if they are to continue in the service, they must cease all connection with business operations of any kind in the Territory where it is possible that their official position could be of any effect upon their private business, even though no such effect be, in fact, shown. What further action, if any, is to be taken in regard to the commission or any of its members by the executive will be determined upon after consultation with the secretary of the interior, and careful consideration of all the facts in the case. It will be noticed that the secretary of the interior does not believe it would be possible, in accordance with the suggestions of Messrs. Bonaparte and Woodruff, to close up the work of the commission this year and discontinue it accordingly.

"If it should be found to be possible, I would regard this as desirable, and call the attention of congress to the matter.

"I also inclose a memorandum of work of the commission to the five civilized tribes.

**Summary of Bonaparte Report.**  
First—The report of Mr. Brosius contains a number of intimations and suggestions not justified by the facts. It is in no wise exaggerated, however (on the contrary, it rather understates), the objectionable features of the administration of public affairs in the Territory, and its specific allegations respecting federal officials are substantially true.

Second—The various charges of misconduct or dereliction in duty preferred against different federal officers in the territory, otherwise than in the report of Mr. Brosius, are, for the most part, unfounded, and these charges, by whomsoever made, call for no action on the part of the department, except in the cases of Commissioners Bixby, Breckenridge and Needles and of Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. H. V. V. Smith. The case of one other officer is considered in our separate report.

Third—The conditions existing at present in the Indian Territory are exceedingly unfortunate. They involve imminent danger of the ruin to the genuine Indian population and profound discredit to the United States, excite reasonable discontent

on the part of all classes of the population and demand prompt and drastic remedies on the part of congress.

Fourth—The commission to the five civilized tribes can be abolished with advantage, the remaining work of allotment intrusted to the Indian Inspector and that of enrollment committed to the citizenship court.

Fifth—The present system of sales by sealed bids after appraisal, introduced with respect to the Creek allotments, should be maintained and extended to all allotted lands. The leasing of such lands should be prohibited, except with the approval of competent and trustworthy local officers, to whom might also be committed the usual powers of probate and petty cause courts and committing magistrates. All leases should be promptly recorded.

Sixth—The offices of the Inspector and agents should be independent of each other, and intrusted with great powers of initiative and determination. In general, the administration of public affairs in the territory should be committed to officers on the spot, carefully supervised but not controlled from Washington.

### PAULS VALLEY POLITICS.

Democrats Meet and Select a Ticket for City Government.

To the Ardmoreite.  
Pauls Valley, I. T., Mar. 8.—Last night was a memorable one in the political circles of Pauls Valley. The very air is impregnated with politics. The Democrats held a meeting at the district court room, the most commodious hall in the city, for the announced purpose of making selection for city officers for the year, beginning April 5th, next. The hall was full to overflowing of enthusiastic Democrats. After much discussion and many ballots, all taken in the best of humor, the following ticket was selected:

For mayor, J. T. Jones, the present incumbent; for recorder, C. P. Bruce; for treasurer, C. F. Worley, and for aldermen of the various wards, J. B. Thompson, Jno. A. Roady, O. W. Fatchell, E. M. Moore and J. M. Gwin. This was a most unexceptionable ticket, composed of strong, representative men, and was the selection of the Democracy of Pauls Valley. They will win.

While these very interesting proceedings were in progress, the Republicans had a quiet love feast in another room below, and so far as can be learned made expression of their endorsement of the present Republican administration in the nation and Territory. They endorsed Albert Renne for district judge in the event the bill creating one shall pass, and elected to the convention to be held here on Saturday the following citizens: M. Cecil, Marion Henderson, J. H. Dorchester, Joe Leatherman, O. S. Wilson, H. M. Carr, J. B. Alexander, A. M. Foss and J. T. Fleming.

After the dispatch of their business, for Republicans always lay claim to business methods, meeting adjourned itself to watch the proceedings in the Democratic camp. In this their expectations were not realized, for the very first sound that greeted their ears were dulcet tones of the Democratic harmonicon playing most beautifully, without discord or jar.

## THE JAPS ARE BUSY

BOMBARD DALNY, ALSO TOUCH UP PORT ARTHUR A FEW

While the Report of a Navy Engagement Has Not Been Verified—Belief Is Expressed That Such a Duel Has Taken Place.

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Port Arthur, Tuesday, March 9.—The hole in the hull of the Russian battleship Retzkan, which was made during the first attack by the Japanese, has been repaired and the battleship has been refloated. She is now anchored in the inner roadstead, alongside the Carevitch. Other necessary repairs to the ship will be completed shortly.

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St. Petersburg, March 9.—The Associated Press is informed on the highest authority that up to 5 o'clock this afternoon no word of a naval battle between Retzkanstein's and Urd's squadrons had been received. It is evident, however, that news of a sea fight off Vladivostok would not surprise the authorities here. They naturally decline to say whether Captain Retzkanstein's squadron was outside Vladivostok when the Japanese appeared, but it is now firmly believed here that it was outside.

Tokio, March 9.—It is reliably asserted that when the Japanese attempted to block Port Arthur February 24, a Russian torpedo boat destroyer, while trying to re-enter the harbor, struck a mine and sank.

Of the thirteen Russian warships inside the harbor of Port Arthur, it is added, all are disabled except five. Finally, it is asserted that Whoang Kisan fort, at Port Arthur, was not destroyed by the Japanese shells and that only three batteries are available.

About 800 Chinese and Russian workmen have been rushing the repairs on the warships.

Tokio, March 8.—Tuesday—(Delayed in transmission.)—It is believed

here that there has already been a decisive naval engagement in the vicinity of Vladivostok and tidings of it are anxiously awaited. The Japanese fleet did not, it is said, go to Vladivostok for the purpose of bombarding the town but to locate and attack the armored cruisers Gromoboi, Rosoboi, Rurik and Bogayat, the Russian fleet stationed there. It is understood here that when the Japanese fleet arrived there on Sunday last it found the Russian squadron absent. If this is true it favors the Japanese advantage in avoiding battle close to the shore batteries, at the same time putting it in a position to prevent the Russian ships in a position to prevent Russian ships re-entering the harbor. It is doubted that the Japanese withdrew their squadron unless the location of the enemy had been discovered, as it meant surrendering the advantage of being in a position between the enemy and the enemy's base. There is a strong possibility that the Japanese found the Russian ships in the vicinity of Posselt bay and gave them battle there. The names and number of ships in the Japanese squadron have been kept secret, but it was probably sufficient strong to divide into two divisions, the one to guard Vladivostok and the other to cruise in search of the Russian ships. It is said that the newly purchased cruisers, Nishin and Kasuga are taking part in the present movement off Vladivostok. The navy department expects to receive dispatches tomorrow from Gensan where it is planned that the fleet would call after the operation involving the attack upon the Russian squadron had been concluded. The Japanese are quite confident in the ability of their squadron to signally defeat the Russian ships and laughingly say that the big Russian cruisers which stand unusually high out of water make excellent targets.

### THIS BURGLAR A HUMORIST.

Left a Note for Deputy Marshal When He Broke Jail.

Claremore, I. T., March 9.—Harry Wilson, the burglar who robbed Hill & Henley's and J. T. Wilson & Sons' hardware store and was captured at Waggoner Saturday night, broke jail last night by sawing out two iron bars. He left the following note pinned to the window of his cell:

"Dear U. S. Marshal: Am truly sorry adverse circumstances necessitate my making so unceremonious a departure for I would have liked to personally express my gratitude for the many courtesies you have shown me briefcase has been our acquaintance I was hungry and you fed me, I was in prison and you visited me, etc. My past life has been an unbroken chain of misfortunes. Last night I dreamed that, to break this sequence of bad luck, I must kill a nigger, and I go forth to obey the command of M. J. Phelps."

He had made a full confession to the robberies of which he was charged.

Remember the date, Monday, March 14, 9 a. m. Be on hand. 8:51

## THE MORMON

THE MORMON CHURCH STRONGER TODAY THAN EVER.

It Is Recorded That no Church in the World Is Growing So Fast—Its Missionaries Abound in Every Country on the Globe.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 9.—The Mormon church is stronger today than it ever was.

If it were not President Joseph Smith never would have dared to state openly that he was practicing polygamy in defiance of state and national laws.

No church in the world is growing so fast.

Its missionaries are to be found in every community in the United States and missions have been established in nearly every foreign country. All sorts and conditions of men are sought and over them all the church reigns supreme.

The keynote of the Mormon faith is co-operation. Each member pays to the Mormon church one-tenth of "increase," and these "tithes" are turned in religiously.

The denomination was founded in 1830 by Joseph Smith of Sharon, Vt. The government of the church is a hierarchy, consisting of two orders of priesthood.

The Order of Melchizedek is presided over by a president and two counselors. It includes the "twelve apostles," "the seventies," the patriarch, the high priests and the elders.

The Aaronic order is an inferior one made up of bishops, priests, teachers and deacons.

The president, Joseph Smith, is supreme, and next to him are the counselors. The apostles constitute a traveling high council which ordains priests and is supreme in ecclesiastical affairs. The seventies are the missionaries and propagandists of the order. The patriarch pronounces blessings of the church and the high priests officiate in the absence of higher authorities. The elders conduct meetings and superintend the work of the priests.

The duties of the Aaronic order are largely secular. The territory of the church are divided and sub-divided into districts. This makes easier the collection of tithes and the government of the faithful. The bishops preside over districts and direct the work of the teachers.

There is a teacher for every two blocks in the city and for so many square miles in the country. They keep tab on the members, collect tithes and direct the temporal as well as spiritual affairs of their charges.

The teachers meet every month in each ward of district, report on conditions, and explain the doing of each man or woman under them.

The bishops listen to these reports and report in turn at a conference of bishops to the councils of the apostles.

Is it any wonder then that a church with such a perfect organization can control a state and name every official from governor to constable?

This co-operative principle is carried into the business affairs of the Mormons. Besides being president of the church, Smith is the president of a dozen of the largest commercial organizations in the state, including the Zion Co-operative Co., Zion Savings Bank and Trust Co., Utah Sugar Co., Consolidated Wagon and Machine Co., Utah Light and Power Co., Island Crystal Salt Co., and many others.

As the church is supported by "tithes" it is necessary the members succeed financially, and the church sees to it that they do.

When the church exercises such absolute control over its members in business and religion, it will be seen how readily it can control them politically.

### MARIETTA.

Special Correspondence.

Marietta, I. T., March 9.—Mr. Browning of Greenville, S. C., is here prospecting and trying to locate a party of farmers and a site for an oil mill and electric light plant.

The Jack C. Taylor company are showing a series of plays here this week and are giving satisfaction.

L. E. Adams left this morning for Western Texas where he is going to live.

Frank Troup, who has been in Okla. for several months, has returned home.

The farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather that we are having now and are putting in good time. Some are planting and others are getting ready.

Bliss Bookkeeping—Benn Pitman Shorthand. 8:51

Anything that is worth learning is worth learning well, and the best should not be too good for any of us. Bliss bookkeeping. Benn Pitman shorthand. 8:52

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